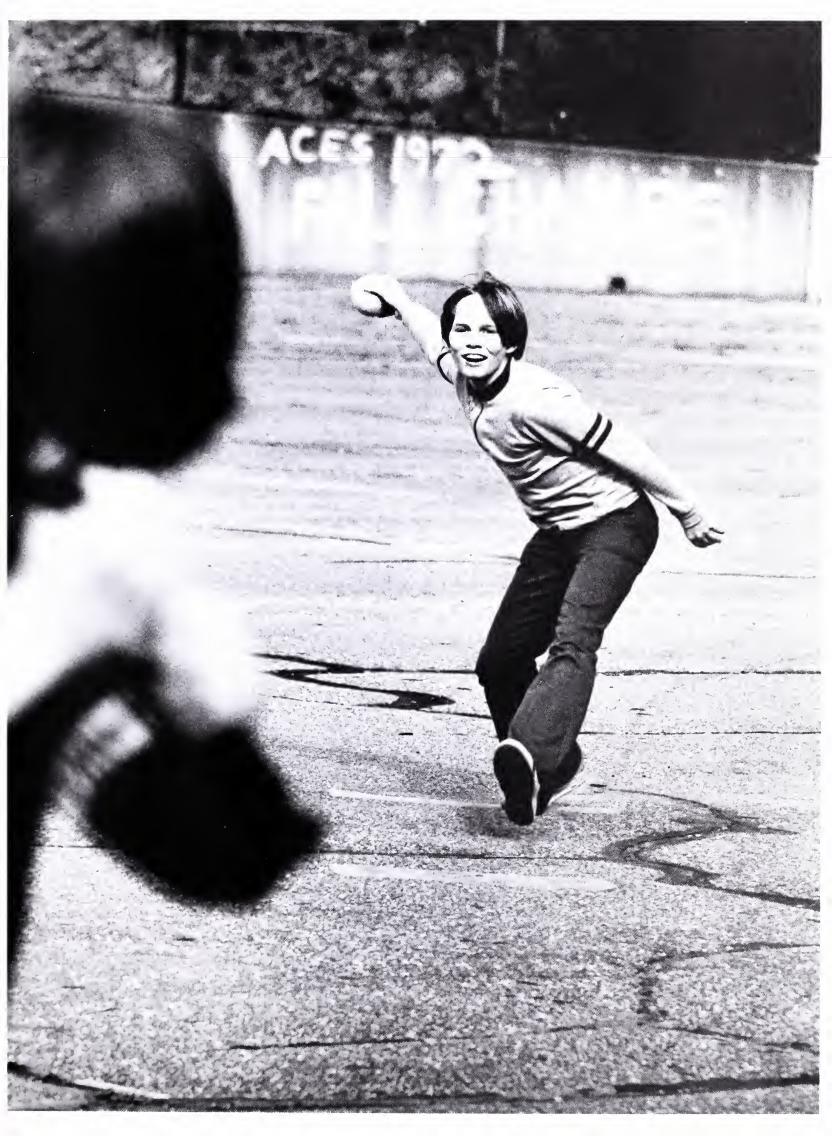
The Picture of Health



For nearly a century and a quarter St. Luke's and Woman's Hospitals have been rendering health care to the sick, helping to discover new ways to prevent or cure disease and teaching the healing art to generations of physicians, nurses and health care workers.

The Hospital Center touches the lives of thousands of people each year, enabling them to enjoy the fruits of the healthy life. Untold thousands are 'the picture of health' because of a 123-year-old commitment to excellence by the men and women of the Hospital Center.

This annual report illustrates St. Luke's continuing investment in caring and the resulting harvest of health.







versity hospital spirit. The establishment of an Alisa Mellon Bruce Professorship, St. Luke's first endowed chair, gave impetus to organ studies at all Columbia-related hospitals.

An Interesting and Trying Year

Hospitals across the country are finding it increasingly difficult to secure adequate financing to maintain the quality of medical care that they must provide. St. Luke's is one of those hospitals. I had hoped that at least once during my tenure as President of St. Luke's I might not be required to put such stress on finances; that I might talk more about the great quality of professional service that St. Luke's continues to insist on; that I might discuss the hospital's long-term plans in its ever increasing concern for both medical care and for its constituents. Obviously, both of these matters are of real importance to us as we continue on our way. However, it is becoming increasingly evident that without a solution reasonably soon to the problem of financing, St. Luke's and other hospitals may well find it necessary to seriously curtail their services to the community. So that the gravity of the situation may be clearly understood, a report was made recently to the Trustees showing that the accumulated final deficits for the past five years have amounted to \$11,500,000. These deficits have been financed by loans and by drawing on unrestricted legacies that the Hospital received in earlier years and invested. Now, we are reaching the end of the resources. We do not yet see what lies beyond. Paradoxically enough, the cause of the financial problem lies in the insistence of St. Luke's that it must provide quality ambulatory medical care for its constituency. It is safe to say that the largest proportion of the operating deficit has been caused by this service which is called upon to meet and care for not only those who can afford to pay, but also the large number of working poor who need the services. Unless some solution is forthcoming soon, either through the reworking of the third party payers formula or through comprehensive health insurance, the time may come

sooner than we wish that we would have to take action with respect to ambulatory care. This is a fact that many associated with hospitals wish to avoid discussing. I happen to believe that an important ingredient in getting at solutions is to lay out the facts.

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Another concern of those associated with the operation of hospitals is the increase of federal regulation and supervision. In our discussion of this problem, we must not blink at an important fact; the federal government is paying out billions of dollars in federal funds to finance health care. It seems to me reasonable to expect that the financing agency would insist on developing guidelines and instructions to help insure the quality of medical care. The problem has to do, of course, with excesses. I hold that the appropriate posture of hospitals in these circumstances should be, therefore, to insist on making their professional input in helping to develop the regulations. Too often, the professional adopts an adversary role from the beginning and this is, of course, counter productive. We should expect, through our representatives, Trustees, Administrators and Doctors, to make some constructive effort in the direction of reasonable and viable guidelines. This is so important, for it is clear that federal health insurance will shortly be a fact of life. How hospitals and medical associations use their influence and to what purpose, will determine to a large degree what kind of legislation we get.

St. Luke's had a new experience this year. It suffered the first employee strike in its history. The tragedy of the strike was that the Hospital and its patients were made to suffer because

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of a quarrel between the union and the Cost of Living Council. While there was a monetary loss both to the Hospital and the strikers, the experience served to bring about a tremendous increase in the morale of those who had to cope with the problem. The Trustees can never repay their debt of gratitude to the loyal band of volunteers who moved in to help out and the employees who worked above and beyond the call of duty so that the sick might be ministered to. There are other organized groups now in the Hospital. It is our hope that we may soon find the optimum working relationship that will make strikes unnecessary.

Hardships and difficulties never come singly. Just at the time that St. Luke's was undergoing its first strike, its Executive Vice President, Mr. Charles Davidson was out of service for several months due to illness. Fortunately for St. Luke's, Mr. Gary Gambuti was on hand to step in and take on the onerous responsibilities of the chief administrative office. The Trustees have already expressed their appreciation to Mr. Gambuti for his leadership, but I wish to do so again here. He, as we knew he would, had the complete cooperation of the Hospital staff during these times. We are pleased that Mr. Davidson is now back in harness.

These have been difficult times, I am sure, for the dedicated medical staff of the Hospital. They have as a



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primary concern the quality of medical care at St. Luke's. It is on this care that the national reputation of St. Luke's has been built. It has been a source of some distress to the Trustees and Administration that it has not been possible to provide financing for some functions and services because of inadequate financial resources. We know that the medical staff understands and we appreciate their understanding. We look forward to the day when we can do all of the things that need doing to keep the quality of medical care high.

Finally, I hope that the time will soon come when we will be able to develop a sophisticated communication program with the community in which we operate. Of course, the first critical chore is to define the community and the leadership. Through various means we are made continually aware of the community's needs, hopes and aspirations. I am not sure that we are getting across to the community just what our problems, concerns and priorities are. The sooner we do this, the better.

St. Luke's lost a great and good friend this year in the passing of a long-time Trustee, Mr. Huntington Babcock. Over a period of thirty years he contributed his wisdom to help us in many ways. We shall miss him very much.

Again, I am honored to be associated with St. Luke's as its President. My thanks go to all of those who helped in some way to keep within reasonable limits the creative tensions that must exist in such an institution as this. It is through such creativity that we learn and grow.



St. Luke's has been a pioneer in the use of ultrasonics as a diagnostic tool for obstetrics. In 1973 a number of other medical disciplines were able to call on the ultrasound division as its diagnostic capabilities reached new levels of sophistication.







St. Luke's emergency suite and nearly fifty clinics had more than a quarter million patient visits in 1973. The Hospital Center's diverse ambulatory care services are among the busiest in the City. An additional 64,000 visits were made to the St. Luke's Neighborhood Health Services Program location on West 100 Street.

An Alliance for Progress-and Survival

At most hospitals, unity of purpose and family spirit have long been a hall-mark of their internal workings. Now, the same sense of common cause and harmony is emerging throughout the hospital industry. Though there are more than three thousand of them in the country and more than a hundred in New York City alone, the voluntary hospitals historically functioned independently of one another. They usually stressed their own uniqueness, served their own constituencies and created their own level of excellence.

While associations of hospitals have existed for many years, and occasionally hospitals joined forces temporarily to champion important issues, the sovereignty of the individual institution remained paramount. But, in recent years, the catholicity of problems faced by voluntary hospitals gave birth to the concept of industrywide solutions and the growth of mutual interest groups within the industry. Urban hospitals, university hospitals, institutions serving underprivileged communities—these and other hospital problem-sharers are

It may be that there are still too many voices claiming to represent the industry and, perhaps, there are still too many differences in kind among hospitals to allow a truly strong alliance of health care providers. Nevertheless, in the face of mounting problems, diminishing fiscal resources and increasing demand, the voluntary hospitals find that cooperation and suppression of self interest may be the means to survival—and the means to provide optimum health at reasonable cost to the public.

joining hands for the common good.

St. Luke's was unionized and struck in 1973. State funding formulae are crippling the Hospital Center. Federal research and teaching moneys are in eclipse. Professional associations are mobilizing to negotiate working conditions, and to define areas of authority. These phenomena are being experienced by our sister hospitals in the City and elsewhere. Hospital managers find themselves incapable of resolving management dilemmas on an independent basis.

For these reasons, St. Luke's has taken a progressively active part in the work of the Greater New York Hospital Association, the Hospital Association of New York State, the League of Voluntary Hospitals, the American Hospital Association, the Council of Teaching Hospitals of the American Association of Medical Colleges, the American Protestant Hospital Association and other industry groups. Some would argue, and I would agree, that these spokesmanship groups must be consolidated further if the industry's voice is to be clearly heard in the corridors of power and at the bar of public opinion.

During 1973, we joined with a variety of sister institutions locally and throughout the State, in several law suits and appeals against third party payors to seek more equitable treatment in our reimbursement formulae. We have joined in these adversary actions in order that some relief from the financial problem may be found.

Through competent representatives, the hospital community is communicating directly with the Congress and the Federal administration. In Albany, too, we are supporting association efforts to bring about reasonable legislation and interpretation. One of the industry's goals for New York is the establishment of a Health Services Commission, which would have the

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central, comprehensive responsibility for the State's health care policies. Currently, no single agency sets and administers policy and a number of conflicts of interest arise. The State, for instance, purchases health services from the same providers whose revenues it also regulates. No formal mechanism exists for the inclusion of provider or consumer views in policy determination; and no standard appeal apparatus is available. State agencies frequently change regulations, thus hampering long-range planning. Often, changes in policy are not uniformly applied across the State. Because the decision making responsibility is fragmented, New York is unable to establish Statewide health care goals. A Health Services Commission, or some similar agency, might restore harmony to the health care network of the Empire State. Such a



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commission, as envisioned by hospital leaders would include consumer, governmental and industry members.

For too long the evolution of forward thinking plans at St. Luke's has been deferred because we are struggling to survive. As they begin to act with single purpose, the voluntary hospitals will contribute to a useful dialogue so that a smoothly functioning health care network can be a reality in this decade, and so that St. Luke's can put its own plans into action. These plans will be so coordinated that our own needs dovetail with the requirements of the community and the region.

Labor problems, an aging physical plant and the persistent shortage of dollars all made 1973 a rather somber year. For part of the year I was away from my desk for health reasons. Fortunately, my associates and their staffs were more than equal to the task. My senior administrative colleague, Gary Gambuti, and his chief lieutenants, F. Dennis Harrington, Edward A. Messier and Evelyn M. Peck should be singled out. The diligence of our medical and nursing people in finding new answers to old problems was a source of pride for me. As always, the support and interest of the trustees was given in full measure.

Most importantly, St. Luke's contributed more than its share to the good health of the many thousands who sought care here in 1973.



Giving '73

St. Luke's development office received some \$2.5 million in 1973. Included were a half million dollars from the estates of the late trustee F. Huntington Babcock. Some \$190,000 was donated through the "Christmas to Christmas" annual mail appeal in December.

A number of foundations, national charitable organizations, the United Fund, the United Hospital Fund and more than two thousand individual donors gave generously. As always, the giving spirit was best exemplified by the volunteers, including the trustees and the members of St. Luke's Auxiliary and the Woman's Assistant Board, who joined with the physicians and other staff members who were responsible for so many being the "picture of health" in 1973.

Following are the names of many of the generous friends of the Hospital Center who have contributed to the support of the various special needs of St. Luke's and Woman's. Individual benefactors of one hundred dollars or more are listed by name. While space does not permit the listing of the many contributors of smaller amounts, our appreciation is nonetheless great. That the Hospital Center has been able to maintain its high standards of patient care is due largely to the continued interest and loyalty of all contributors.

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For the third consecutive year, St. Luke's incurred a severe fiscal setback. A loss of \$3.4 million was suffered, including an estimated \$300,000 loss due to an eight-day strike by hospital workers in November. The losses are attributed to Federal and State governmental regulations controlling the majority of hospital revenues. Regulated payment rates bear no relationship to the cost of providing services necessary to meet the health needs of patients.

Also in 1973, the Hospital Center's return on investments shared in the general economic decline.

In all, the Hospital Center spent \$53.4 million for operational requirements. The figure was within the planned administrative budget. Revenues of all kinds, however, were \$50 million. Appeals for financial relief and pending litigation with third party payors may eventually reduce the estimated loss.

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Copies of the detailed auditor's statement are on file at the Hospital Center.

	December 31,	
Assets	1973	1972
	UNRESTRICTED	
CURRENT ASSETS: Cash	¢ 900.363	¢ 042.270
Marketable securities (quoted market—\$86,000 in 1973 and \$607,000 in 1972) Accounts receivable for services to patients, less allowance for	\$ 809,363 101,133	\$ 913,378 640,028
uncollectible accounts of \$3,965,000 in 1973 and \$3,225,000 in 1972	7,590,093 —	7,559,755 41,197
Other receivables	594,661	1,109,407
Inventories of materials and supplies—at cost	490,564 71,304	406,681 83,714
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	9,657,118	
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OTHER ASSETS:		
Cash	343	-
Marketable securities (quoted market—\$2,667,000 in 1973)	3,010,851 34,038,891	 34,365,503
Construction in progress	222,374	838,081
	37,272,459	35,203,584
	\$46,929,577	\$45,957,744
SPECIFIC PURPOSE FUNDS: Marketable securities (quoted market—\$267,000 in 1972)	R E	\$ TRICTED \$ 284,045
Grants receivable	567,008 2,965,595	934,841 2,097,152
DIANT DEDI ACENTENT FUND	\$ 3,532,603	\$ 3,316,038
PLANT REPLACEMENT FUND: Cash	\$ 439	\$ 579
Marketable securities (quoted market—\$4,376,000 in 1973 and \$650,000 in 1972)	3,854,958	650,000
Due from unrestricted funds	389,539	3,033,152
Due from endowment funds		2,145,136
	\$ 4,244,936 ====================================	\$ 5,828,867
ENDOWMENT FUNDS: General and restricted endowments:		
Cash	\$ 77,523	\$ 93,404
\$29,041,000 in 1973 and \$37,211,000 in 1972)	20,589,198	23,597,899
Real estate investment—at cost, less accumulated depreciation	788,602	813,763
Cash surrender value of life insurance	127,800 3,030,912	105,600 715,586
Due nom uneschede funds	24,614,035	25,326,252
The A. Van Horne Stuyvesant Memorial Fund:		
Cash	720	567
\$6,575,000 in 1973 and \$7,452,000 in 1972)	6,323,252	6,354,388
Property, plant and equipment—at cost, less accumulated depreciation	2,173,990	2,237,929
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	8,497,962 \$33,111,997	8,592,884 \$33,919,136

	Decen	iber 31,
Liabilities and Fund Balances	1973	1972
FUNDS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Note payable	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -
Current instalment of long-term debt	25,000	25,000
Accounts payable	2,067,137 1,078,736	2,401,892 1,222,876
Accrued pension costs	84,429	79,868
Other accrued expenses	740,720	415,948
Due to restricted funds	3,355,134	2,814,978
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	9,351,156	6,960,562
LONG-TERM DEBT		
Loan payable	250,000	275,000
Due to restricted funds	3,030,912	3,030,912
TOTAL LONG-TERM DEBT	3,280,912	3,305,912
FUND BALANCES:		
General fund	436,309	1,418,667
Unrestricted reserve	1,876,726	1,876,726
Other unrestricted	3,023,277	2,458,933
Plant fund	28,961,197	29,936,944
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	34,297,509	35,691,270
	\$46,929,577	\$45,957,744
		Ψ13,337,744
SPECIFIC PURPOSE FUNDS: Fund balances: Unexpended income from restricted endowment funds Unexpended donations for designated purposes PLANT REPLACEMENT FUND:	\$ 941,326 2,591,277 \$ 3,532,603	\$ 783,742 2,532,296 \$ 3,316,038
Fund balance	\$ 4,244,936	\$ 5,828,867
General and restricted endowments:		
Due to plant replacement fund	\$ -	\$ 2,145,136
General endowment funds	15,186,611	15,048,483
Restricted endowment funds	7,172,650	6,088,671
Restricted donations functioning as endowments	2,254,774	2,043,962
		
	24,614,035	25,326,252
The A. Van Horne Stuyvesant Memorial Fund:		
Fund balance	8,497,962	8,592,884
	\$33,111,997 ————	\$33,919,136

December 31,

	Year ended December 31,	
	1973	1972
PATIENT SERVICE REVENUE: Inpatients Clinic and emergency room patients Private ambulatory patients Home care patients Newborn	\$39,915,452 7,630,680 584,957 211,972 932,228 49,275,289	\$38,423,368 7,063,183 490,747 134,674 956,250 47,068,222
Less: Contractual allowances Other allowances Provision for uncollectible accounts	2,736,033 2,444,976 1,740,000 6,921,009	4,830,948 2,156,934 1,470,000 8,457,882
Net patient service revenue	42,354,280	38,610,340
OTHER OPERATING REVENUE: New York City Ghetto Medicine appropriations New York City Community Mental Health Board Cafeteria and hospitality shops Rents and commissions Expenses recovered from other funds Columbia University Clinic Other	884,802 305,033 425,773 401,760 2,819,078 128,408 266,504 5,231,358	835,348 376,415 430,617 450,407 2,798,369 141,516 236,818 5,269,490
Total operating revenue	47,585,638	43,879,830
OPERATING EXPENSES: Salaries and wages Supplies and expenses Depreciation Interest expense	32,958,595 17,900,421 2,325,496 212,590 53,397,102	30,340,621 15,538,423 2,200,366 339,301 48,418,711
Loss from operations	5,811,464	4,538,881
NONOPERATING REVENUE: Income from invested funds	1,430,029 381,202 671,649 (76,453) — 2,406,427	1,509,395 504,047 830,211 585,099 13,141 3,441,893
EXCESS OF EXPENSES OVER REVENUE	\$ 3,405,037	\$ 1,096,988

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(as of January 1, 1974)

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is a participating hospital in the master plan for hospitals and related facilities of The Health and Hospital Planning Council of Southern New York

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Chromosome analysis, through which genetic abnormalities that cause congenital disorders such as mongolism are detectable, was a new testing procedure added to the diagnostic capabilities of the clinical laboratories at St. Luke's in 1973.







The well-equipped and staffed coronary care unit was expanded last year to include an area, fittingly referred to as progressive care, where patients who have successfully weathered the acute stage of illness are relieved of the psychological stresses that often follow coronary attacks.

Involved in Leadership

All organizations, even those like hospitals, which seek means to provide people with opportunities for a better life, require form and structure. At St. Luke's the Medical Board provides the voice and the conscience of medicine. Fortunately, we are able to draw on the example of excellence our predecessors have given us.

The physician at St. Luke's, and in voluntary hospitals all over the Country, has developed a new interest in and familiarity with the governance of our health care institutions. The physician is more deeply involved in leadership and is more aware of the roles of trustees, administrators and consumers of medical services.

Governmental pressure for productivity at reasonable cost is placing heavy demands on the physician. Our own Medical Board is responding by developing criteria for utilization of hospital facilities that can meet the sternest of tests. We have established a Professional Standards Review Organization, based on the established criteria of our medical audit and utilization committees. We will draw on long years of experience and a spirit of dedication to establish and implement the highest standards, which will honor the profession and aid the public goal of quality health care, rendered equitably and economically. Government policy demands that developing standards and making judgements about professional medical decisions is in the physician's governance sphere.

The Medical Board is also examining the possibilities for a Health Maintenance Organization within the St. Luke's framework. This exciting trend,

which is essentially an expansion of the group practice idea, owes its origins to such plans as one finds in the Kaiser-Permanente Hospitals of California. Of course, all the unique problems of our urban setting, our tradition of clinical excellence and our teaching-research commitments will be looked at as we try to find a form that meets our and the community's need. It is apparent that, properly formulated, such a plan could place St. Luke's as the focus of such an activity for the entire Morningside area. Federal funding, now a reality, could serve to provide great support for the Hospital Center's future, both as a medical education center and as a community health services supplier. This matter has been given the highest priority by the Medical Board.

We are in an era when the groups that compose the health network are seeking to define the areas of responsibility. Naturally enough there are areas of disagreement as health care workers, managers, para-professionals, nurses, trustees, doctors, health care consumers and their public spokesman seek to carve out spheres of influence.

Our Medical Board has striven to reassert its role in professional matters. It has instituted some important organizational changes and hopes for others. Representation on the Board of Trustees by leading active staffmembers is an objective we are pursuing, and which the American Hospital

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Association supports. Candid discussions have produced an aura of mutual understanding that is heartening to all.

In 1973 a Medical Board office was established in the administrative suite. This unified the efforts of the board officers and committee chairmen and lends credence and emphasis to the new spirit of involvement of the staff's physicians in the government of their hospital.

Continued proficiency in providing care for drug addicts, alcoholics and emergency services for our community is a gratifying activity for our staff as is the growing relationship with Columbia University.

Despite the continuing economic depression in hospital finances, our physicians made a number of inroads in the battle against disease. Our efforts to find health and provide the opportunity to enjoy the good life for our patients extend beyond the mechanical rendering of health care and are meeting with measured success.

The reaction of our administration and medical staff, coupled with the spirit of our nursing, volunteer and



W. Graham Knox, M.D.

1973 Statistics

Patient days	
adults	238,450
nursery	11,645
Admissions	22,382
Births	1,778
Per cent occupancy	84.3
Average stay	
(excluding newborn)	10.7
Emergency room visits	87,979
Outpatient visits	174,512
Neighborhood	
Health Service visits	64,114
Home care admissions	886
Hemodialysis treatments	3,900
Diagnostic x-rays	92,167
Radiation therapy treatments	6,251
Rehabilitation Medicine visits	24,497
Open heart operations	331
Blood transfusions	8,000
Kidney transplants	25
(as of May 1974):	
Personnel on staff	3,237
Beds	742
Bassinets	70
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para-medical personnel in the difficult period of the Union strike in November, was heart-warming.

There is much still to be done. But, with candidness among all authorities, it appears that our institution is well-armed to bear the problems and demands of the coming year.

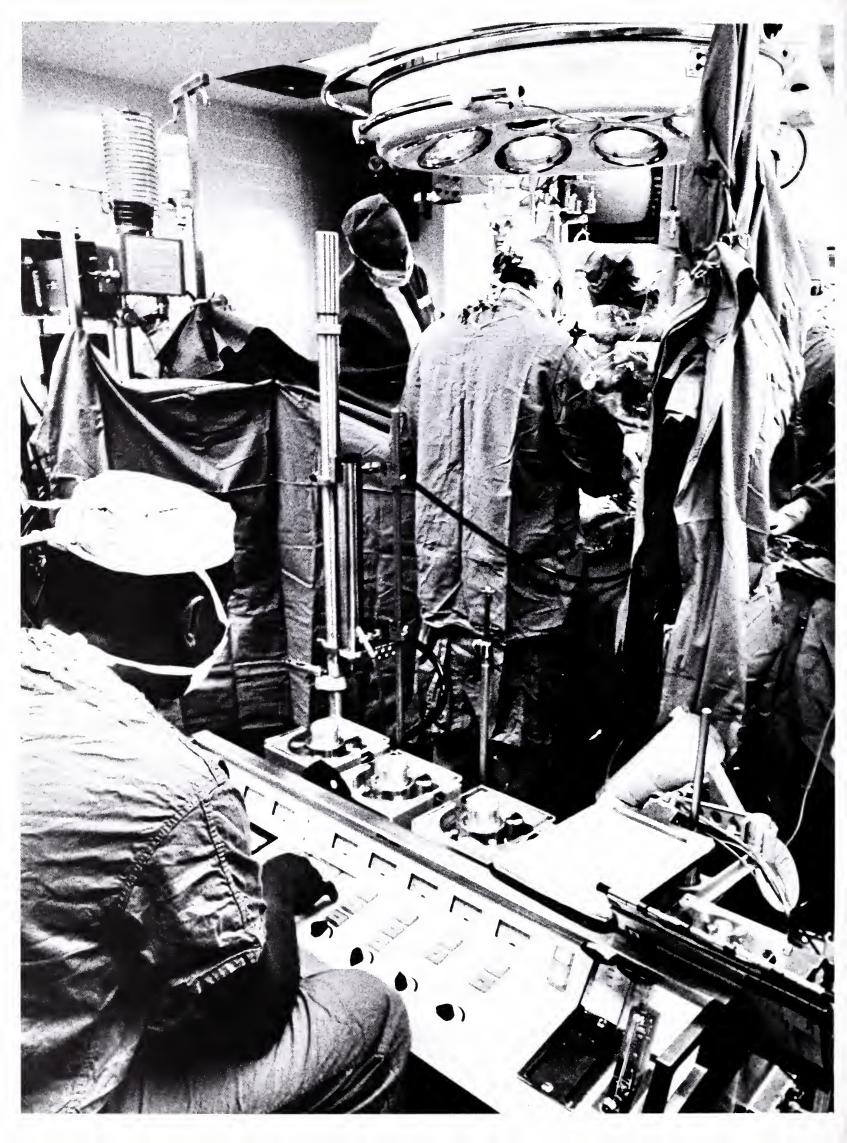
I am grateful to the Medical Board for the honor of serving as president and for the cooperation of the physicians, trustees, nurses and administrators in such trying times. With newfound motivation, future difficulties will more easily be solved.

May I offer a special acknowledgement for work well-done to Vice President Bell and Secretary Kanick for their counsel, cooperation and diligence.



The joint St. Luke's-Columbia University Institute of Human Nutrition is a nationally prominent teaching and research center for obesity. Researching food intake control and the metabolism of body fat were main areas of inquiry in 1973.





It takes money to create health. This operating room where St. Luke's surgeons perform complicated open heart procedures is an example of the huge investment in health care and its delivery.

People who are 'the picture of health' are ample reward for those who have invested in health through gifts to St. Luke's. However, the need for new partners in the healing mission is greater now than ever before as the cost of rendering care increases more quickly than do sources of revenue.

You can help bring the bloom of health to many thousands by contributing to the work of the Hospital Center.

Information on giving opportunities is available from the Executive Vice President, St. Luke's Hospital Center, Amsterdam Avenue at 114 Street, New York, N.Y. 10025.

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